

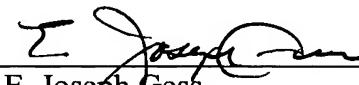
REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to claim 7 has been made in order to correct the dependency of claim 7 so that it now depends from an existing claim, and to thereby overcome an Examiner's objection. Entry is therefore respectfully requested.

Lastly, it is requested that the undersigned local counsel be granted an interview prior to the first Official Action. At this interview, additional information/evidence will be presented to and discussed with the Examiner. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-838-6622 in order to arrange such an interview, at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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